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Dear Sir or Madam:

1. **Introductory Comments**

Prior to examination on the merits and prior to calculation of the fees due for submission of claims for examination, applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment for consideration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any fees associated with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 25791.106.05.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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